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Dear John:

My 10 May letter mentioned that we are soliciting the requirements of the principal users of FBIS material in regard to coverage of Africa, on the basis of the recent FBIS African Survey. We are not assigning priorities at this time to North, East or West Africa pending an assessment of the users' needs, nor does FBIS at this stage have the necessary higher level authority to make commitments concerning the establishment of African monitoring.

With the whole question thus on a purely exploratory basis, it occurs to us that the BBC might have an interest in itself undertaking some part of a coordinated African monitoring operation. Your personal view, if you could give it to me at this time, as to whether BBC participation is a possibility, would be most helpful and appreciated.

Although not related to Africa, I am wondering whether you are able to let us have a report on the results of Rubenstein's Surveys in Ankara and Tehran.

Sincerely,

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cc: Chief, London Bureau

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